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DEPT ALSO FOR RUMSFELD

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: MOPS, PINS, LE, US, SY  
 SUBJECT: JUMBLATT IN DAMASCUS RECORDS HIS ASSURANCE  
 - PSP/AMAL DOES NOT WISH TO INVOLVE THE MARINES  
 - AT BEIRUT AIRPORT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. WALID JUMBLATT TELEPHONED POLCOUNS AT 0745 ZULU  
 FEBRUARY 15 TO SAY AGAIN THAT "WE" HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO  
 INTENTION OF ATTACKING OR INVOLVING THE MARINES IN ANY  
 WAY. "WE", HE SAID, INCLUDES AMAL, AND HE ASSUMED EMBASSY  
 BEIRUT WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BARRI WHO WOULD CONFIRM  
 THIS.

3. POLCOUNS SAID SHE WISHED A STRAIGHT ANSWER TO A  
 VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. ARE THERE PALESTINIANS WITH THE  
 PSP TROOPS? JUMBLATT SAID THAT WHILE OF COURSE THERE HAD  
 BEEN THE INFILTRATION OF WHICH WE WERE AWARE, PALESTINIAN  
 TROOPS ARE IN BHAMDUM, NOT REPEAT NOT WITH THE PSP TROOPS  
 IN THE KHALDE AIRPORT AREA. POLCOUNS EMPHASIZED THE  
 IMPORTANCE OF THIS POINT FOR US. JUMBLATT SAID -- "DON'T  
 WORRY, WE ARE FIXING IT WITH THE SYRIANS." THE SYRIANS,  
 HE SAID, HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN RAISING THE  
 PALESTINIAN PRESENCE NOW; NEITHER DO THE LEBANESE  
 SUNNIS WANT THE PALESTINIANS BACK. CERTAINLY HE SAID,  
 NEITHER I NOR BARRI WANT THEM TO RETURN.

4. CODEL FOWLER HAS AN APPOINTMENT AT 1430 ZULU FEBRUARY  
 15 WITH JUMBLATT. WE WILL SEE HIM ALONE AFTER THAT  
 MEETING, OR IF DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR US  
 WE CAN SEE HIM AT FIVE MINUTES NOTICE.

5. ON LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTING (FEB 14-15), JUMBLATT  
 CONFIRMED 4TH BRIGADE IS AT DAMUR; 8TH BRIGADE, HE SAID,  
 HAD FOUGHT WELL AT ABAY AND AYN KSUR, BUT IS NOW (HE  
 THOUGHT) IN DAMUR AREA AS WELL.

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6. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. PAGANELLI  
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